

## ABOUT THE STATE

## HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

The Vermont State Dental society is to meet in Rutland May 16-19.

The Valley fair at Brattleboro is to be held this year on Sept. 12, 13 and 14.

The Wallingford W. R. C. has voted to present a flag to each of the Sunday schools in town.

Mrs. S. S. Smith, Wilmington's oldest inhabitant, observed her 94th birthday anniversary March 7.

Schools in North Clarendon have closed for three weeks, two new cases of scarlet fever having developed.

Helen Howard-Cooper of Brattleboro has just received official news that her picture, "Winter Forest," received first prize at the Academy of Arts in Iowa. The picture was taken from a winter scene in Brattleboro.

Henry S. Root has served as town clerk and treasurer for Newport for 47 consecutive years. He is the oldest voter in that town, having been born in Coventry May 21, 1839. He has been a very prominent citizen and has held many offices in the town.

W. Bert Young, who died Saturday at his home in Rutland, was a veteran member of the Rutland fire department and one of the most expert stone masons in that city. He was exceptionally handy with the thread and needle and recently completed a silk bed cover containing over 12,000 pieces of material.

Mrs. Paul Noisieux received a compound fracture of the wrist and numerous minor cuts and bruises Saturday night in Rutland when the team in which she and her husband were driving home was run into from the rear by another team, which two men were driving recklessly. Mr. and Mrs. Noisieux were both thrown out but Mrs. Noisieux was unhurt. The men disappeared before their identity was learned.

## THE NORMAL SCHOOL.

Object Is to Impart Culture, Discipline, Skill and Learning.

The opening of the first state normal school in Massachusetts quickened the movement in other states. New York, Connecticut, Michigan and Pennsylvania followed. Scarcely, however, was the new movement for state normal schools born when aggressive opposition appeared. Within less than a year after the first school was established, the House of Representatives of Massachusetts directed its committee on education to consider the expediency of abolishing the board of education and the state normal schools. The arguments of the committee are worthy of more than a passing notice inasmuch as they contain the germ of all that has since been said in opposition to the normal school movement.

1. Normal schools are imitations from France and Prussia, political rather than educational in influence.

2. Academies and high schools are fully adequate to furnish a competent supply of teachers.

3. There is no need of professional instruction. "Every person who has himself undergone a process of instruction must acquire by that very process the art of instructing others."

4. It is impossible and undesirable that the business of keeping these (district) schools should become a distinct and separate profession.

5. There is no assurance that the teachers so educated will remain in the state.

6. These normal schools do not appear to have stronger claims on the public treasury than many of our academies and high schools.

7. State control of education is a great departure from the spirit of our institutions. Any attempt to form all our schools and all our teachers upon one model would destroy all competition, all emulation and even the spirit of improvement itself.

Such were the arguments in support of the bill to abolish normal schools. But Carter and Brooks and Mann believed in them and their convictions lent them power. The bill was lost by a vote of 245 to 182.

The victory was due even less to the great leaders than to the nature of the cause. The normal school idea is not an exotic growth. It is inherent in any complete system of education. A normal school is a school established for the academic and professional preparation of teachers. It is a technical school differing from academies, colleges and universities in its objects and methods of work. The objects of the academy and college are general culture and the acquisition of knowledge; the object of the normal school is to impart culture, discipline, skill and learning to its students for the specific technical purpose of fitting them to teach others. And, as Prof. Seaton of the Kansas Agricultural college declares:

"The university is a gold mine in which its professors are at work far down in the depths close to the heart of the world's truth. The normal school is a mint preparing the nuggets to pass current among men. Both institutions must exist without conflicting claims, for each has its own peculiar function to perform."

An opponent of the normal school idea, when the question was up to establish one additional state normal school in one of the progressive states of the central West where at that time had only one state normal school situated in one corner of the state, in support of his argument said:

"It is urged by some old-fashioned people that there is something peculiar in the normal school to commend it beyond a well equipped university, because it teaches people how to teach other people, while the university merely teaches people and stops there."

This argument against normal schools was written by the editor of a great daily newspaper, who was himself a graduate of a great state university. But thanks to the progressive people of the state the normal school idea marched onward and upward until now there are four great normal schools there liberally supported by the state, and, in addition thereto, over 200 teacher-training high schools in which for the school year ending June 30, 1916, over 4,500 prospective teachers were trained in these teacher-training high schools alone. (Gladstone says in one of his lectures on "Modern Training for Life":

"In dealing with professions I have

not particularly referred to the new profession, as it may be called, of the teacher. In other times our fathers were content to leave this important office, like some other great social functions, to be learned, not by apprenticeship or theory, but by practice. In the results of the old method there was much imperfect, and I am afraid, no small brutality. What we awkwardly call social science is a great growth of the day we live in, and the first place among its achievements appears to be due to the organization of teaching."

## WASHINGTON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION.

Notes for Week Ending March 10.

Calls on agent at headquarters, including visits and phone calls. 45  
Letters written. 45  
Farm visits. 2  
Committee meetings, two; attendance. 9  
Winoski Valley Cow Testing association meeting attendance. 44  
Northfield grange and East Hill club, joint meeting, attendance. 40  
Miles traveled. 60

Due to the large number of office calls and some belated correspondence, the most of the county agent's time this week has been confined to the office. It is particularly gratifying to note the increasing use of the county agent in this manner. Eight farmers from towns outside of Barre have called at the office this week, and alfalfa demonstrations have been arranged, one with James Green of Waterbury, one with Raymond Page of Plainfield.

Considerable space has been used in this column in discussing the need of improving dairy conditions in the county. One of the principal projects of work for 1917 will concern this line of improvement.

That the farmers are interested was evidenced by the good attendance at the annual meeting of the Winoski Valley Cow Testing association in East Montpelier Saturday. The meeting was addressed by Mr. Moran and by the county agent on the value of records and how to make use of them to improve the dairy. This association reorganized and elected officers, who immediately made arrangements for the employment of a tester to take the place of Mr. Grov, who leaves the association April 1. Mr. Sanderson is the new man. He will take Mr. Grov's place April 1, so the association will lose no time or records.

Plans were made at this time to obtain new members to the north in Plainfield and Calais, so that the Barre herds that belong to the association will be able to make the beginning of a new association to cover Barre, Berlin and nearby dairies. If you are interested in getting into this new association be sure to write to or call up the county agent at once, so that you will not be left out, as there are a large number who want to get the benefit of such work. It is hoped that this new association can be gotten under way by April 1.

M. L. Towne addressed the East Montpelier meeting on the merits of organization in the interest of better prices for dairy products. From his experience as president of the Barre Milk Producers' association he drew some very pointed conclusions as to reasons why every farmer should join the New England Milk Producers' association. M. H. Moody of Waterbury, who is president of the county organization of the N. E. M. P. A., also spoke in behalf of the N. E. M. P. A., urging all to join in order that the New England farmers might stand together in their demand for a living price for the milk and its products.

The Northfield grange, jointly with the East Hill Farmers' club, held a meeting in Woodmen's hall Saturday night. About 60 were present. Mr. Corryell and the county agent spoke. The interest was very marked and Northfield promised to be one of the foremost towns in taking up demonstration work in 1917.

F. H. Abbott, County Agent.

## ORANGE COUNTY FARMERS' ASSOCIATION NOTES.

Notes for Week Ending March 10.

The extension school in agriculture and home economics held the past week in Orange was classed by one of the instructors who has been to the majority of schools held in the state this winter as the best one he had attended. There are other places where the attendance was larger but for genuine interest and regularity of attendance, it was a school hard to beat. In all 43 men attended some one of the eight day sessions, one third of this number attended two or three of all sessions, one-half, over half of them, and six were present at every meeting. The spirit of co-operation and cordiality was the best of any school in Orange county. There is every reason to expect that this community will call on the county agent for more work than in past seasons. Plans have already been made for some demonstration work in this community. The home economics class of the school had a very successful week. This ought to give the home economics club formed last week a renewed stimulus for a successful season.

A little circular from the department of agriculture recommends very strongly early hatching chickens if you wish late fall and winter eggs. Begin hatching as soon after March 1 as possible and continue not later than May 1. It requires about seven months to mature the American breeds and six months for the Leghorns. The extra high prices of late fall and winter due to the hen taking a vacation for her moulting period can be secured by having pullets ready to begin laying at that season.

In co-operation with County Agent Otis of Windsor county, a two-day farmers' meeting will be held in East Bethel March 13 and 14. This meeting, arranged by Mr. Otis, will reach many from East and South Randolph. The program will feature better dairying.

The county agent hopes to be able to visit the farmers' clubs in Williamstown and Washington at their meetings Thursday and Friday evenings of this week.

For the week ending March 24 meetings are scheduled for Union village on Tuesday, North Thetford Wednesday and Thetford Friday. E. L. Ingalls, in charge of boys' and girls' work, also is scheduled to speak at North Randolph grange Friday of this week.

Summary for week ending March 10:

Days in office. 14  
Days in field. 48  
Meetings. 40  
Attendance. 219  
Letters. 14  
Miles traveled. 62

E. H. Loveland, County Agent.

## Corns Loosen Off With Magic "Gets-It"

a Drops Do the Work, Painlessly

"I tell you, before I heard of 'Gets-It' I used to try one thing after another for corns. I still had them. I used bandages and they made my toe so big it was murder to put on my shoe."



used salves and other things that ate off more of the toe than they did the corn. I'd cut and dig with knives and scissors, but now no more. Two drops of 'Gets-It' did all the work. It makes the corn shrivel and get so loose that you can just pick it right off with your fingers!"

There has been nothing new discovered for corns since 'Gets-It' was born. It's the new way—the common-sense, simple, sure way. 'Gets-It' is sold everywhere, 25c a bottle, or sent on receipt of price by E. Lawrence & Co., Chicago, Ill.

Sold in Barre recommended as the world's best corn remedy by F. G. Russell, E. A. Brown, and Cummings & Lewis—Adv.

The Worst Insurance

is that which is never taken. The best insurance is that which is taken here at once. The man who hesitates is lost. The man who insures is found. National Life Ins. Co., of Vt. (Mutual). S. S. Ballard, general agent, Rialto building, Montpelier, Vt.

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P. J. CHENEY, CO., Props., Toledo, O. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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Dated at the city of Barre, this 12th day of March, A. D. 1917.

ARTHUR C. TILDEN, WILBUR D. MOWER, Commissioners.

March 20-27

ESTATE OF GEORGE B. MILNE

State of Vermont, District of Washington, ss. The Honorable Probate Court for the District Aforesaid:

To all heirs and all persons interested in the estate of George B. Milne, late of the city of Barre, in said district, deceased, GREETING:

WHEREAS, application hath been made to this court in writing, by the administrators of the said estate, to sell all of the real estate of said deceased, to wit: Situated in the town of Orange, in said district, and in the state of Vermont, including the homestead right and the interest of the widow therein, representing to said court that it would be beneficial to the heirs and all persons interested in the estate of said deceased, to sell said real estate and convert the same into money; and

And bringing into court the consent and approbation, in writing, of all the heirs to said estate residing in the state, and setting forth the situation of the real estate.

WHEREUPON, the said court appointed and assigned the 15th day of February, 1917, at the probate office in Montpelier, in said district, to hear and decide upon said application and to make its order public notice thereof is hereby given to all persons interested therein, by publishing said order, together with the time and place of hearing, three weeks successively in the Barre Daily Times, a newspaper which circulates in the neighborhood of those persons interested in said estate, all of which publications shall be previous to the day assigned for hearing.

THEREFORE, you are hereby notified to appear before said court, at the time and place assigned, then and there in said court to make your objections to the granting of such license, if you see cause.

Given under my hand at Montpelier, in said district, this 15th day of February, 1917.

FRANK J. MARTIN, Judge.

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